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SENATOR MARVEL: LB1055 is a recommendation of the Committee in the area of capital construction. And this in other words involves the major departments including the Department of Education, the Department of Public Institutions, the Nebraska State Fair Board, the Department of Welfare, the Department of Roads, Game & Parks Commission, Department of Corrections, the State College system, the University of Nebraska system, State Historical Society and the Building Commission. Now, what we've attempted to do, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, is to set up the recommendations for this year so that they cover as far as appropriations are concerned, only the amount which can be spent in this next year or fiscal year. It's the general thinking of the committee that there's no sense in stockpiling money and simply putting in hundreds of thousands of dollars which can't possibly be spent during this next fiscal year due to some or several reasons. The difficulty in obtaining construction supplies. The time it takes to administer capital construction and may I say that this is a crucial area as far as state government is concerned. There must be some way whereby we can accelerate, speed up construction items so that it doesn't take so long from the time we appropriate money until we see final results. Now, so the recommendation for expenditures for this year is at the minimum that will be required to be spent in these particular areas. Now, Mr. Speaker, I think that is the general discussion of what is contained in this bill.

PRESIDENT: Clerk will read the first proposed amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment is submitted by Senator Luedtke. It's found on page 1377 of the Journal. I understand he wants to ask unanimous consent to substitute an amendment for that amendment.

PRESIDENT: Well now, Senator Luedtke, you've got a different amendment have you? Well, his first amendment was withdrawn and he's substituting another one. What's the page number?

CLERK: Page 1377 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Page 1377 and he's submitting a different amendment so he can explain the difference. Senator Luedtke.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: If you'll go to page 1377, I'll explain the first amendment and then explain what the difference would be. This is the amendment that actually does two things. It follows the recommendations of the Judiciary committee basically on the corrections plan which was previously submitted last January or January of 1973. And refers to the fact that the Department of Corrections would be directed to adopt the correctional plan submitted to the Legislature. The same amendment we adopted in LB1054 yesterday and then would appropriate, the amendment that's in the Journal would appropriate \$500,000 from the Nebraska Capital Construction Fund so that the Department of Correctional Services would implement the plan by planning, programming and designing a medium minimum security facility to be used by the Department of Correctional Services according to law. This would merely mean to begin planning, programming and designing a medium minimum institution. It does not say where that institution would be located, whether it be Lincoln, Omaha or someplace else. Because that would not be necessary until you get to the working and growing stage which would not be in the next year anyway. It would have to be after this is done. Now, I've had the...of the...